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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/560,521	Applicant(s) SMARSH, STEVEN G.
	Examiner Shantese L. McDonald	Art Unit 3723

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2007.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3,5-11 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3,6-11 and 13-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4,6-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liao et al.

Liao teaches a dressing wheel component including an interrupted cutting outer surface wherein the interrupted surface, 200a, is embodied in a cutting wheel, 20, with a plurality of flat tips, 200, extending outwardly from the outer surface. Liao teaches that the grinding wheel further comprises additional dressing wheel components, which are flat grinding surfaces, adjacent to and surrounding the interrupted cutting outer surface. (The examiner notes that each flat tip, 200, is considered to be a dressing wheel component that is adjacent to and surrounding the interrupted cutting outer surfaces, 200a). Liao also teaches that the flat grinding surfaces comprise diamonds, 30. Liao teaches all the limitations of the claims except for the cutting outer surface being selected from the group consisting of stainless steel of any grade, cold rolled steel, brass and combinations thereof. Liao teaches that prior art cutting wheel can be made from materials such as bronze or steel or other metals. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the tool of Liao from the group consisting of stainless steel of any grade, cold rolled steel, brass

and combinations thereof, since Liao teaches that prior art methods teaches making the cutting wheel of various metals, and as a matter of design choice.

The examiner notes that claims call for a dressing wheel suitable for dressing a grinding wheel, and by using that terminology, the claims don't actually claim the grinding wheel, and thus merely claim a copper cutting wheel that is suitable or capable for dressing a grinding wheel.

Allowable Subject Matter

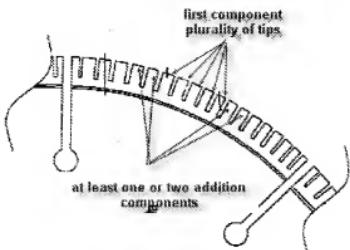
Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 16-20 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12/10/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant argues about the inconsistencies of the comparison of the components of Liao with the present invention. The Examiner disagrees, and has included the labeled figure below to show the comparison and interpretation of Liao as applied to the present claimed limitations.



Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantese L. McDonald whose telephone number is (571) 272-4486. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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